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Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Previously presented) A software delivery system comprising:
a digital storage device containing a plurality of software products, said software products each having been assigned a unique identifier;
and
a computer system, said computer system having a drive for reading data stored on said digital storage device, a processor, a hard drive and a non-volatile memory, said computer system having pre-stored before installation of the software products at least one but not all identifiers corresponding to the identifiers of said software products in said non-volatile memory;
whereby when said digital storage device is read by said drive, the software products having an identifier which corresponds to the at least one identifier stored in the non-volatile memory is loaded onto said computer system.
2. (Original) The software delivery system as recited in Claim 1 wherein said non-volatile memory may be updated to include additional identifiers.
3. (Original) The software delivery system as recited in Claim 1 wherein said non-volatile memory is read-only memory.
4. (Original) The software delivery system as recited in Claim 1 wherein said identifier in said non-volatile memory is encrypted.

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5. (Original) The software delivery system as recited in Claim 2 further comprising an update module for updating said non-volatile memory to include additional identifiers.

6. (Original) The software delivery system as recited in Claim 1 further comprising a serial number stored in said computer system.

7. (Original) The software delivery system as recited in Claim 6 wherein said serial number is stored in said non-volatile memory of said computer system.

8. (Previously presented) A software delivery system comprising:
a digital storage device containing a plurality of software modules containing at least one software product in each of said modules, each of said software modules having been assigned a unique identifier; and
a computer system, said computer system having a drive for reading data stored on said digital storage device, a processor, a hard drive and a non-volatile memory, said computer system pre-storing before loading the software modules at least one identifier in said non-volatile memory which corresponds to at least one but not all identifiers of said software modules;
whereby when said digital storage device is read by said drive, the at least one software product from the software module having an identifier which corresponds to the identifier stored in the non-volatile memory is loaded onto said computer system.

9. (Original) The software delivery system as recited in Claim 8 wherein said non-volatile memory may be updated to include additional identifiers.

10. (Original) The software delivery system as recited in Claim 8 wherein said non-volatile memory is read-only-memory.

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11. (Original) The software delivery system as recited in Claim 8 wherein said identifier in said non-volatile memory is encrypted.

12. (Original) The software delivery system as recited in Claim 9 further comprising an update module for updating said non-volatile memory to include additional identifiers.

13. (Original) The software delivery system as recited in Claim 8 further comprising a serial number stored in said computer system.

14. (Original) The software delivery system as recited in Claim 13 wherein said serial number is stored in said non-volatile memory of said computer system.

15. (Currently amended) A process for facilitating a delivery of custom-ordered software products to a computer system, said computer system having a processor, a digital storage drive, a hard disk, and a non-volatile memory, said process comprising the steps of:

writing a set of software products onto a digital storage device, said set of software products containing at least one custom-ordered software product[[s]] and other software products;

assigning a unique identifier for each software product in said digital storage device;

writing only the identifiers of said custom-ordered software products into the non-volatile memory of said computer system;

inserting said digital storage device into said digital storage drive;

reading said identifiers in said non-volatile memory of said computer system;

comparing said identifiers in said non-volatile memory with said identifiers of the software products stored on the digital storage device; and

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installing the custom-ordered software products having identifiers that match the identifiers in said non-volatile memory but not installing the other software products.

16. (Previously presented) The method as recited in Claim 15 wherein said set of software products is written onto said digital storage device before said custom-ordered software is ordered by a customer.

17. (Previously presented) The method as recited in Claim 15 further comprising the step of testing the set of software products before it is written onto said digital storage device.

18. (Original) The method as recited in Claim 15 wherein said identifier in said non-volatile memory is encrypted.

19. (Previously presented) The method as recited in Claim 15 further comprising the step of checking a serial number of said computer system before executing said step of writing the identifier of said custom-ordered software products into the non-volatile memory of said computer system.

20. (Previously presented) A system, comprising:
a processor;
storage coupled to the processor and configured to contain a plurality of software identifiers before a consumer receives the system;
wherein said system is adapted to receive a removable storage device containing software products, each software product having an associated software identifier that is unique to each software product; and
wherein the processor is adapted to install software products from the removable storage device that have software identifiers that match software identifiers stored in the system's storage, but not install

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those software products from the removable storage device that do not have software identifiers that match software identifiers stored in the system's storage.

21. (Previously presented) The system of claim 20 wherein the processor compares the software identifiers stored on the removable storage device to the software identifiers stored in the system storage.

22. (Previously presented) The system of claim 20 wherein the processor is adapted to execute a program that causes the processor to store additional software identifiers in the system's storage that were previously not stored in the system's storage.

23. (Previously presented) The system of claim 22 wherein the additional software identifiers allows installation of at least one previously unavailable software product stored on the removable storage device.

24. (Currently amended) A method, comprising:
comparing identifiers stored in a memory with identifiers of a plurality of software products;
installing each software product in a computer system only if an identifier[[s]] of the software product matches with the identifiers stored in the memory; and
after said installing each software product, adding one or more identifiers into the memory to install new software products.

25. (Previously presented) The method of claim 24 further comprising comparing a serial number of the computer system with a serial number provided by a user and only adding said one or more identifiers into the memory if the serial numbers match.